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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001 (Paper No. 8) in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three month extension of time is attached, making this response due on or before June 28, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.